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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2-50648, published February 20, 1990 with English Abstract.
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7. PPP in HDLC-like Framing, (HDLC-like frames, IETF RFC 1662 Specifications, July 1994, pp. 1-23.
8. Fibre Channel Physical and Signaling Interface (FC-PH), ANSI X3.230 - 199x, Rev. 4.3, June 1, 1994, pp. 1-478.
9. SBCON Single-Byte Command Code Sets CONnection architecture, (SBCON), ANSI X3.296-199 Specifications, September 30, 1996, pp. 1-244.

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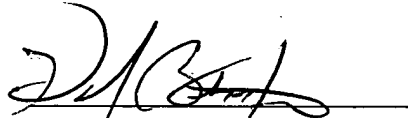
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